

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. This paper cancels claim 10, amends claims 1, 9 and 11-20, and adds claims 21-22. A detailed listing of all claims that are or were pending in the application is set forth above with appropriate status identifiers. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and examination of the application on its merits.

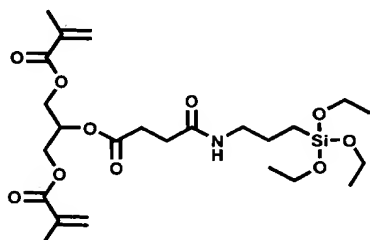
Claim 1 is amended to more clearly define applicants' invention in view of references D1-D6 cited in the International Search Report issued in connection with the parent PCT application (these items were included in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 13, 2001 in the present application). The amendment to claim 1 is supported, for example, by the subject matter of original (canceled) claim 10. Claim 11 is amended to depend from claim 1. The amendment to claim 11 does not narrow the scope of that claim.

Claims 9 and 12-20 are amended to place them in conformity with U.S. practice, *i.e.*, to remove the "preferably" clauses from claim 9 and to rewrite the "use" claims (12-20) into corresponding method claims. The amendments to claims 9 and 12-20 do not narrow the scope of those claims.

Claim 21 is added to recite a specific embodiment of the invention. The recited silane is formed in the reaction of Example 1 at page 39 of the specification as filed; accordingly, claim 21 is fully supported by the original application and does not introduce new matter.

Claim 22 is added to recite subject matter recited in original claim 9; accordingly, claim 22 is fully supported by the original application and does not introduce new matter.

The Office Action issued July 23, 2003 set forth an election of species requirement. In response, Applicants hereby elect the following species of the invention to serve as the starting point for examination:



Each of claims 1-9 and 11-22 read on this species.

Applicants understand that if a generic claim is found to be allowable, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of the patentability of claims directed to additional species.

Applicants note that, contrary to the suggestion at page 3 of the Office Action, the different species encompassed by the claims are related by more than a Si moiety. As evident from the recited structures, each of the inventive silanes have at least one C=C bond in an acrylate- and/or methacrylate-containing radical B that is joined to the carbon atom of a CONH group that is joined through one or more R' (and optionally R⁰) groups to the Si moiety, such that the NH of the CONH group is closer to the Si moiety than the C(O) of the CONH group, and where the silane further includes at least one radical X on the Si moiety.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and examination of the application on the merits. If there are any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number set forth below.

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